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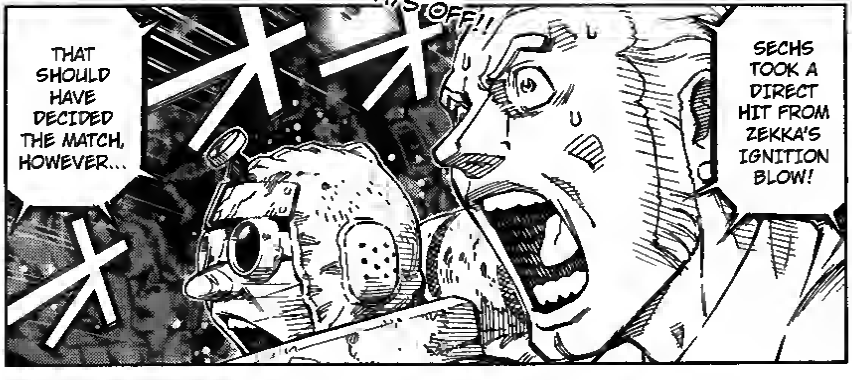
THESE FINALS ARE REALLY STARTING TO HEAT UP!!
SECHS'S DETERMINATION FINALLY PAYS OFF!!


THAT SHOULD HAVE DECIDED THE MATCH, HOWEVER...
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SECHS TOOK A DIRECT HIT FROM ZEKKA'S IGNITION BLOW!

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PHASE 99: The Cornered Mouse
MASTER SECHS IS STILL ALIVE!!
EVERYTHING HAS BEEN BUILDING UP TO THIS MOMENT!!
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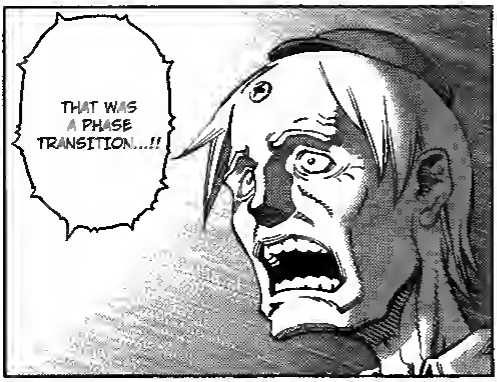
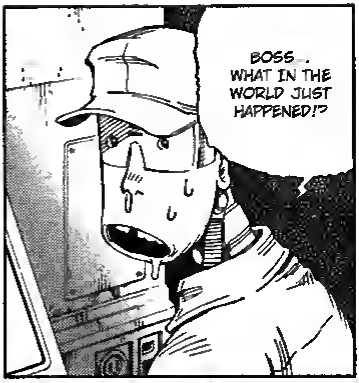
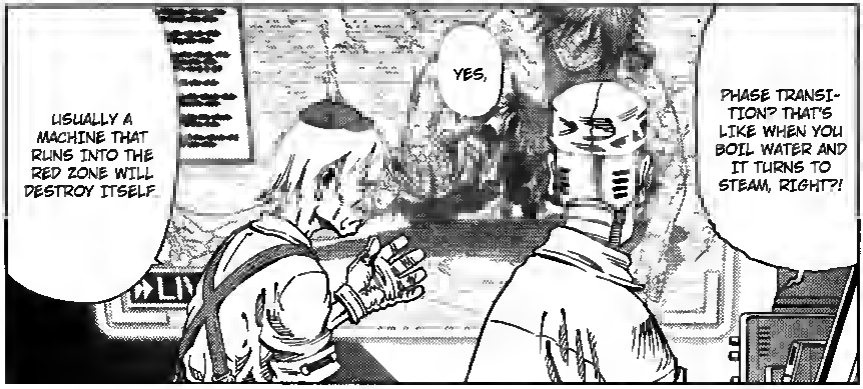
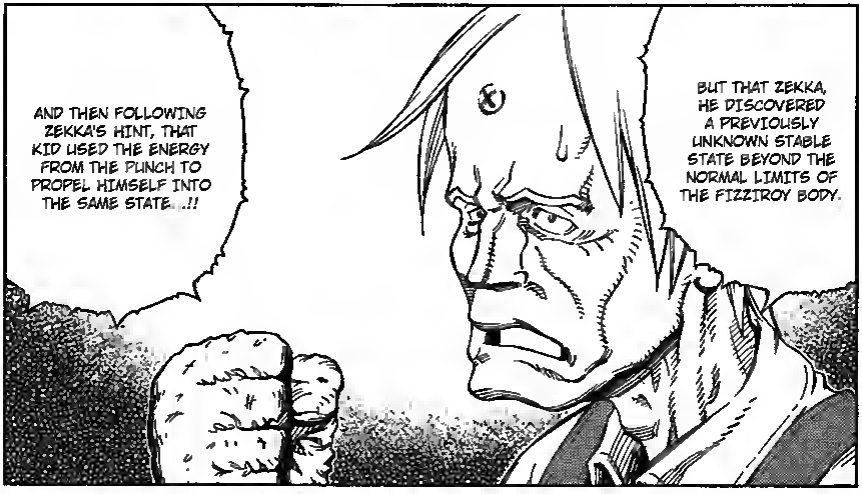





USUALLY A MACHINE THAT RUNS INTO THE RED ZONE WILL DESTROY ITSELF.
YES,
PHASE TRANSITION? THAT'S LIKE WHEN YOU BOIL WATER AND IT TURNS TO STEAM, RIGHT?!


AND THEN FOLLOWING ZEKKA'S HINT, THAT KID USED THE ENERGY FROM THE PUNCH TO PROPEL HIMSELF INTO THE SAME STATE...!!
BUT THAT ZEKKA, HE DISCOVERED A PREVIOUSLY UNKNOWN STABLE STATE BEYOND THE NORMAL LIMITS OF THE FIZZIROY BODY.

PHASE TRANSITION: WHEN A SUBSTANCE TRANSFORMS FROM ONE STABLE STATE WITH CERTAIN PROPERTIES TO ANOTHER STATE WITH DIFFERENT PROPERTIES. ORDINARY MATERIALS CAN TRANSITION BETWEEN THREE STATES (SOLID, LIQUID, GAS).

IT'S POLYETHYLENE PLASMA!
RIGHT NOW, THE POLYETHYLENE GEL INSIDE THEIR BODIES IS IONIZED AND MOVING FASTER THAN THE SPEED OF SOUND.
FIGHT! MY SONS!!
FIGHT TO YOUR HEART'S CONTENT!!
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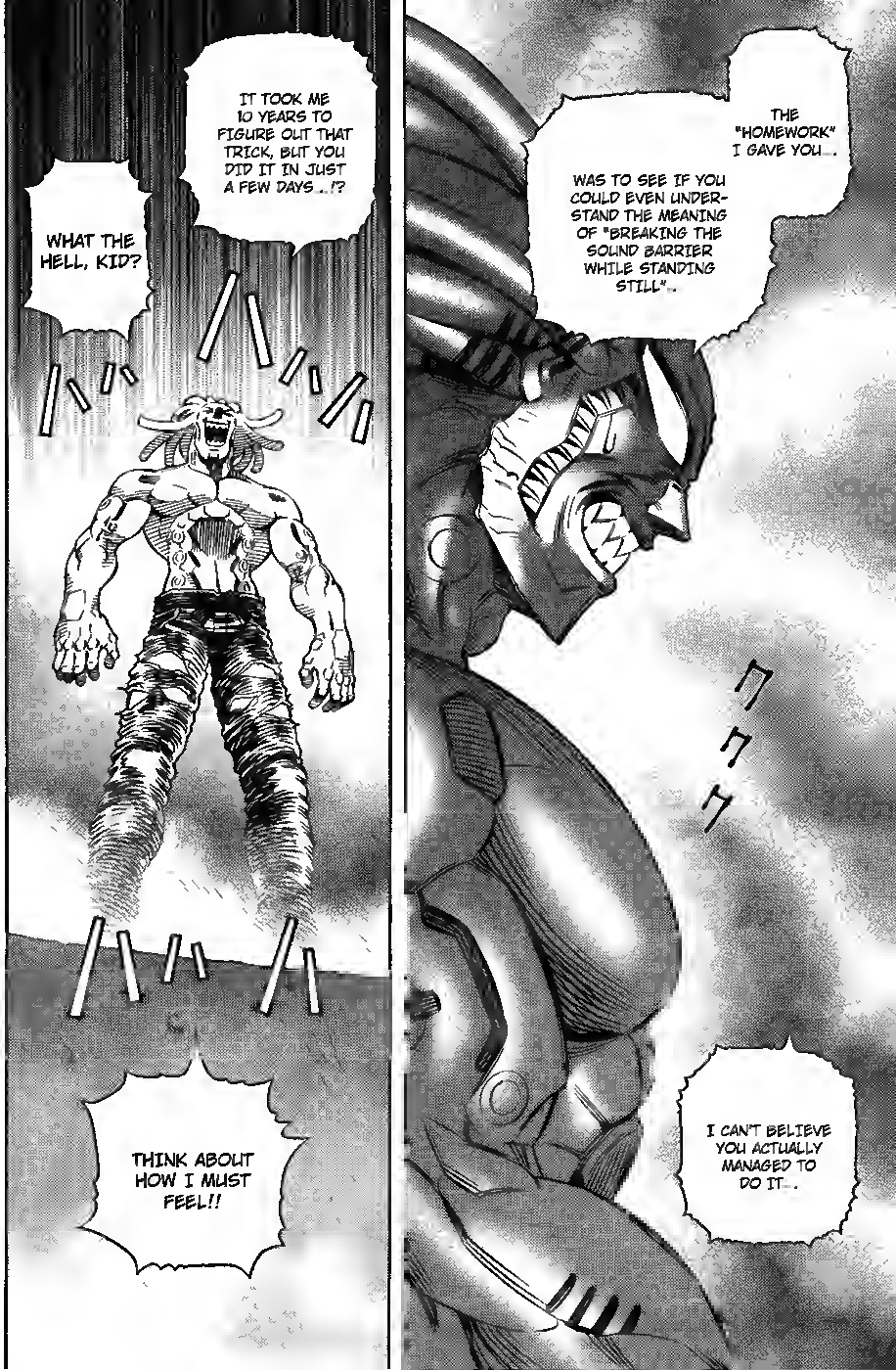
SOUNDS SCARY!
WHAA, I DON'T GET IT..
IT'S ALREADY BEYOND THE REALM OF LOGIC
IT'S ALL RIGHT. I MADE THEM AND EVEN I DIDN'T ANTICIPATE ANYTHING LIKE THIS..
THIS IS THE DAY THAT EVERY ENGINEER LIVES FOR!!
BUT TO THINK THAT THE USERS WOULD SURPASS THE CREATOR'S IMAGINATION..


I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU ACTUALLY MANAGED TO DO IT...
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THE "HOMEWORK" I GAVE YOU...
WAS TO SEE IF YOU COULD EVEN UNDERSTAND THE MEANING OF "BREAKING THE SOUND BARRIER WHILE STANDING STILL"..
IT TOOK ME 10 YEARS TO FIGURE OUT THAT TRICK, BUT YOU DID IT IN JUST A FEW DAYS..!?
WHAT THE HELL, KID?
THINK ABOUT HOW I MUST FEEL!!

IF I WERE YOU...
I WOULDN'T COMPLIMENT ME TOO MUCH.
WHEN PEOPLE FLATTER ME...
SOME-TIMES I GET CARRIED AWAY!!

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SHIT...!!
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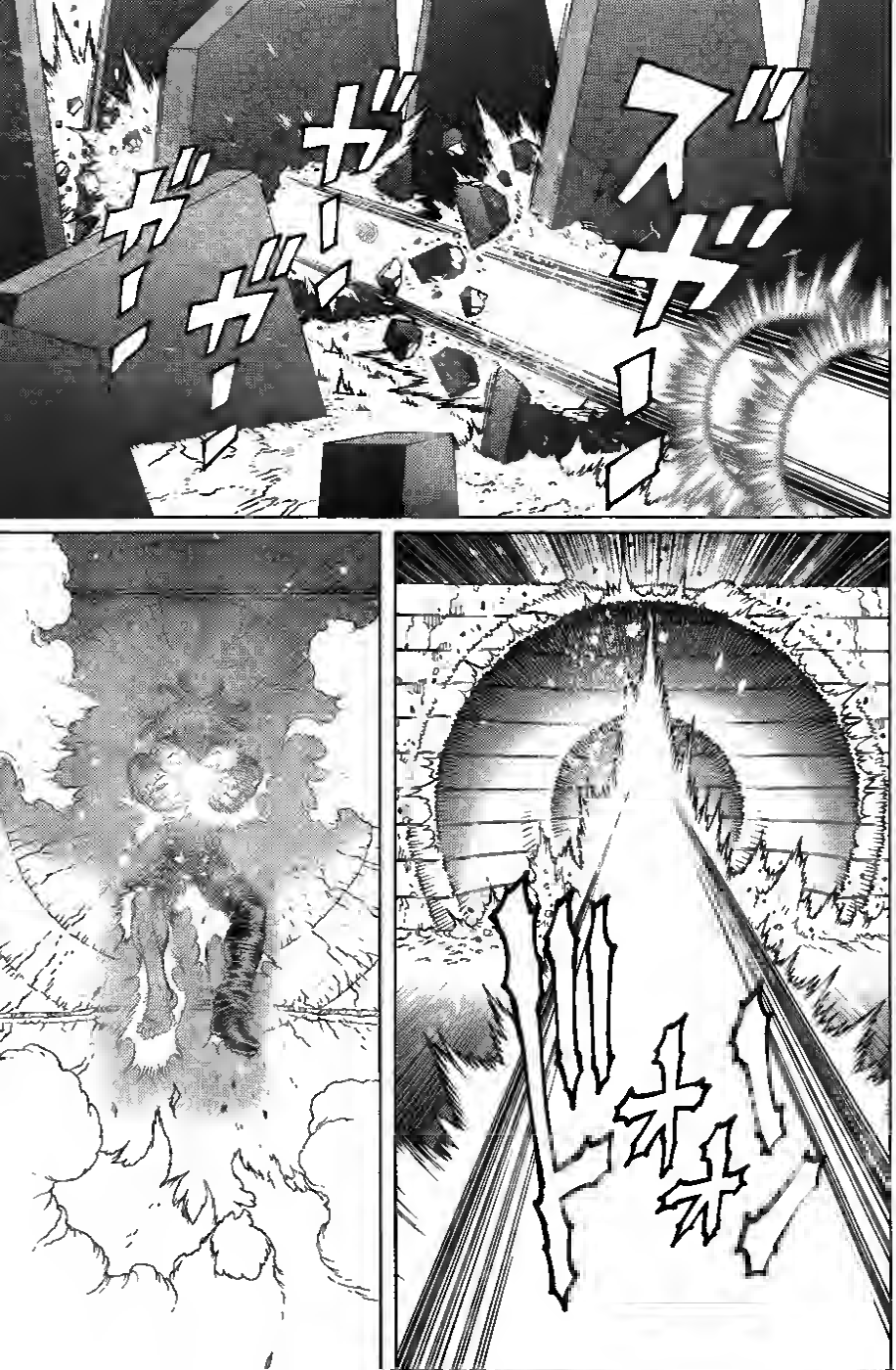
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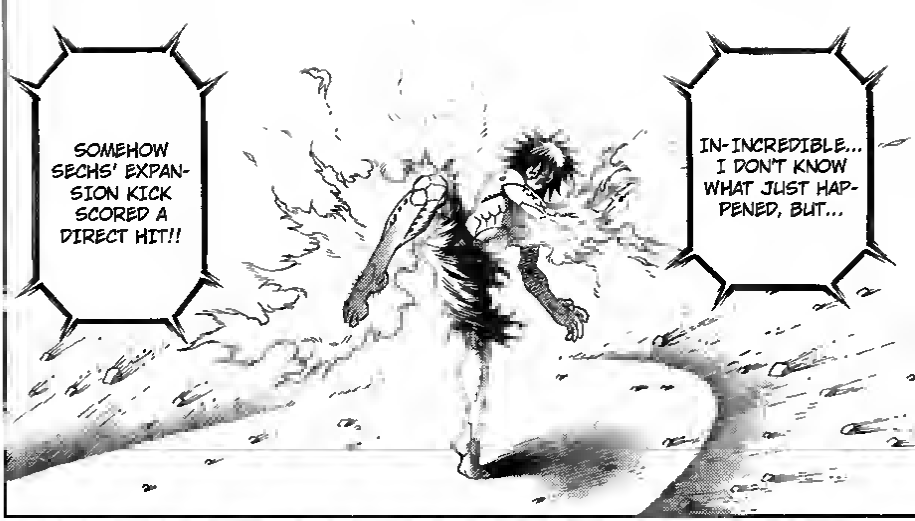
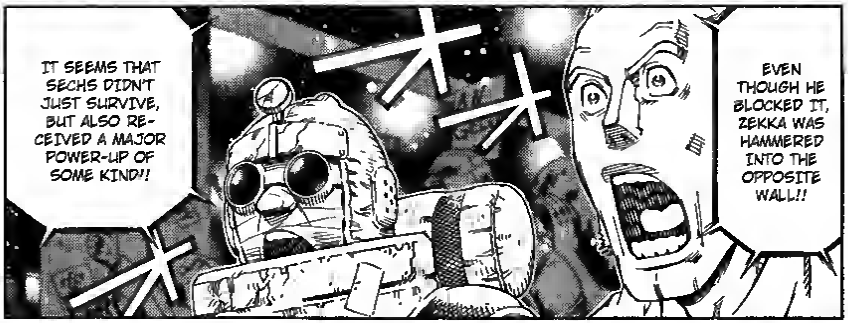

SOMEHOW SECHS' EXPANSION KICK SCORED A DIRECT HIT!!
IN-INCREDIBLE... I DON'T KNOW WHAT JUST HAPPENED, BUT...


IT SEEMS THAT SECHS DIDN'T JUST SURVIVE, BUT ALSO RECEIVED A MAJOR POWER-UP OF SOME KIND!!
EVEN THOUGH HE BLOCKED IT, ZEKKA WAS HAMMERED INTO THE OPPOSITE WALL!!

I THOUGHT I WOULD BREAK THROUGH YOUR GUARD...
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GUESS I SHOULD HAVE EXPECTED THAT..
TCH..

BUT YOU COUNTERED WITH YOUR OWN EXPANSION KICK AND CANCELLED OUT MOST OF MY ATTACK!!
LET ME SHOW YOU THE DIFFERENCE EXPERIENCE MAKES!!
ALL THIS MEANS IS THAT THE FIGHT IS ACTUALLY FAIR NOW.
DON'T LET IT GO TO YOUR HEAD.
!!

MEANWHILE, TOJI IS WITHSTANDING ALITA'S ONSLAUGHT!!

I CAN'T EVEN FIGHT BACK!!
THERE ARE SO MANY ATTACKS!!!!!

I CAN'T TAKE MUCH MORE OF THIS!!
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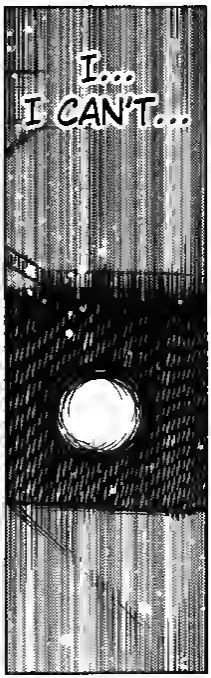
I...
I CAN'T...

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WH...WHY DID SHE STOP ALL OF A SUDDEN!?
I SEE... SHE'S TRYING TO BAIT ME INTO DROPPING MY THREE BATTLES STANCE...
IN ORDER TO COUNTERATTACK.
NO WAY!!
THERE'S NO WAY I'M BREAKING MY STANCE!!
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I'VE FIGURED OUT YOUR BARRIER'S WEAKNESS.
I THINK..
IT HAS NO WEAKNESS!!
HAH... IMPOSSIBLE!! MASTER TARABA'S SUPER CRUSTACEOUS THREE BATTLES STANCE IS AN INVINCIBLE DEFENSE!!
FROM THE RIGHT!!
BUT YOUR BARRIER, IT HAS A FLAW.

THERE'S A GAP THAT MOVES DEPENDING ON WHERE YOU FOCUS.
HAHA!
UGH...!?
WHAT!?

WHATEVER ADVERSITY ASSAILS YOU, YOU MUST HAVE THE DISCIPLINE TO KEEP YOUR HEART CLEAR AS A STILL LAKE!!
THE FOUNDATION OF THE SUPER CRUSTACEOUS THREE BATTLES STANCE LIES IN A STEADY HEART!!
I WOULD HAVE TO TRAIN FOR SO MORE YEARS TO REACH MASTER TARAGA'S LEVEL...!!
CHI CHICKEN
SHE'S RIGHT, MY THREE BATTLES STANCE IS NOTHING BUT A FAKE...!!
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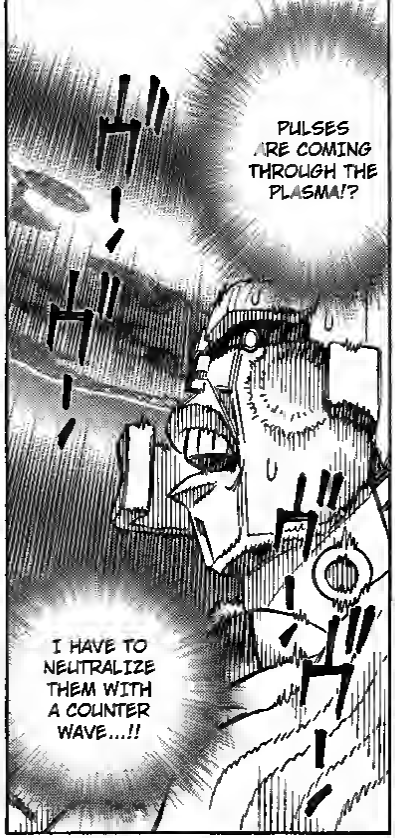
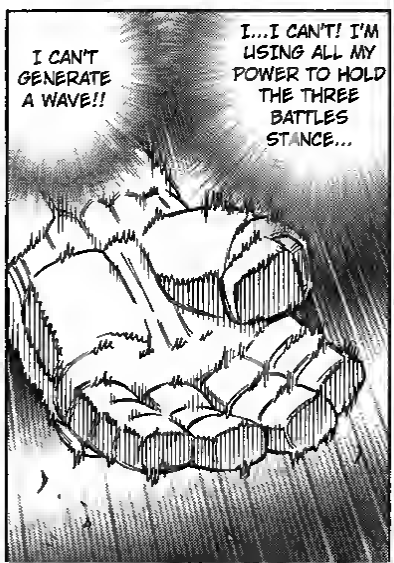
IN THE HANDS OF A CHICKEN LIKE YOU, THAT'S AN IMPERFECT TECHNIQUE!!
HAHAHA!

HUH!?
JUST HIDE INSIDE YOUR BARRIER AND DIE LIKE THE COWARD YOU ARE.
PLASMA CUPOLA!!

BUT IF I LOWER THE THREE BATTLES STANCE NOW...!!
OH...OH NO! THIS IS A PLASMA DEADLOCK*!!
PLASMA SOLITON!!
DIE TREMBLING IN FEAR BENEATH MY FEET!!

PLASMA DEADLOCK... A HYPER ELECTROMAGNETIC KARATE TERM. A KATA WHERE OPPONENTS USING ELECTROMAGNETIC GUARDS HOLD PLASMA BETWEEN THEM, AND PUSH AGAINST EACH OTHER. AS THE ONE WHO PULLS AWAY IS CONSUMED IN PLASMA, THEY ARE MUTUALLY TRAPPED IN A SHOVING MATCH UNTIL THEY HAVE USED UP ALL THEIR STRENGTH. IT IS HELD TO BE THE WORST PAIRWORK KATA.


PULSES ARE COMING THROUGH THE PLASMA!?
I HAVE TO NEUTRALIZE THEM WITH A COUNTER WAVE...!!


I...I CAN'T! I'M USING ALL MY POWER TO HOLD THE THREE BATTLES STANCE...
I CAN'T GENERATE A WAVE!!

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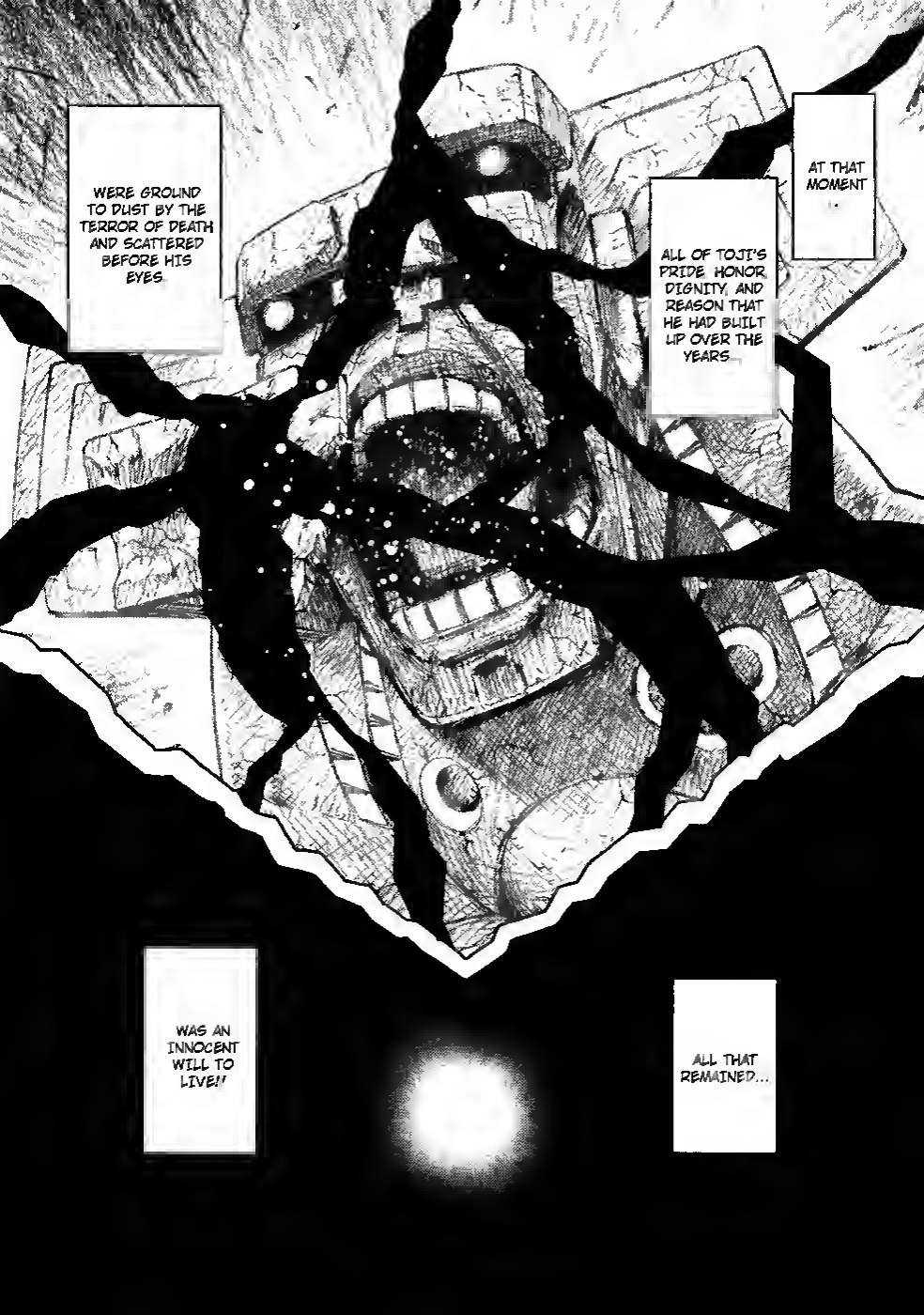
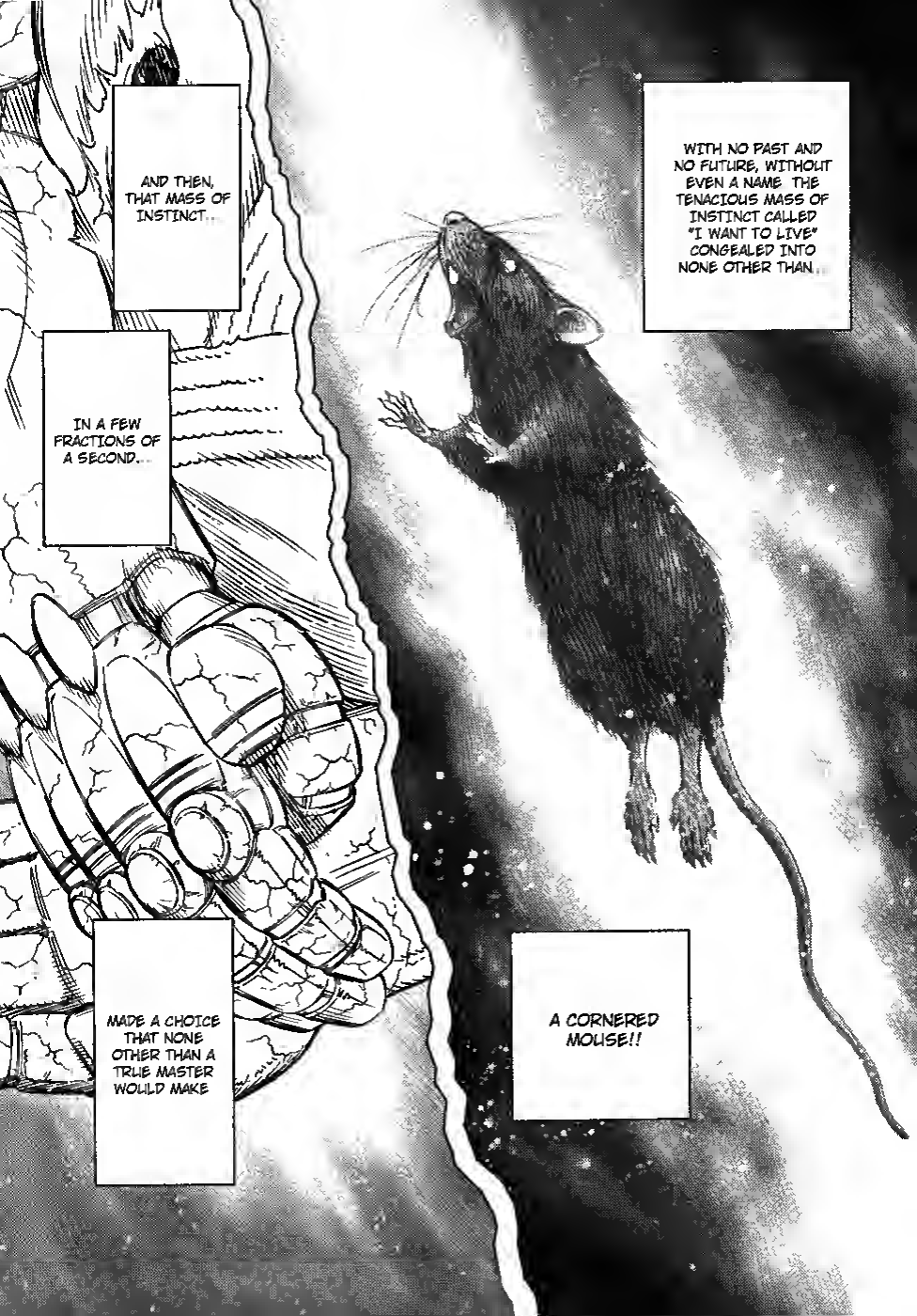
MY BODY IS CRUMBLING...!!
AHHHH! MY BODY...
AAAAAGH!!
I'M GOING TO DIE!!


AT THAT MOMENT
ALL OF TOJI'S PRIDE, HONOR, DIGNITY, AND REASON THAT HE HAD BUILT UP OVER THE YEARS
WERE GROUND TO DUST BY THE TERROR OF DEATH AND SCATTERED BEFORE HIS EYES
ALL THAT REMAINED...
WAS AN INNOCENT WILL TO LIVE!!


AND THEN, THAT MASS OF INSTINCT...
IN A FEW FRACTIONS OF A SECOND...
MADE A CHOICE THAT NONE OTHER THAN A TRUE MASTER WOULD MAKE
WITH NO PAST AND NO FUTURE, WITHOUT EVEN A NAME THE TENACIOUS MASS OF INSTINCT CALLED "I WANT TO LIVE" CONGEALED INTO NONE OTHER THAN...
A CORNERED MOUSE!!

THE BARRIER IS SPINNING...!?
CRAP...!!

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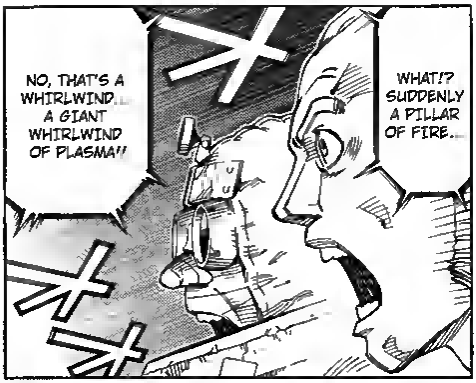
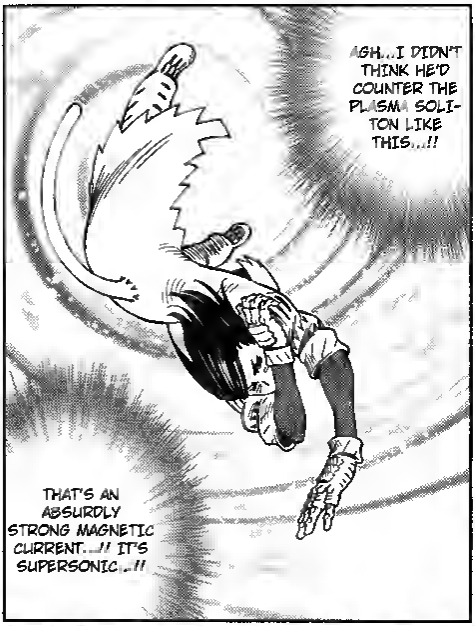

NO, THAT'S A WHIRLWIND... A GIANT WHIRLWIND OF PLASMA!!
WHAT!? SUDDENLY A PILLAR OF FIRE...


AGH...I DIDN'T THINK HE'D COUNTER THE PLASMA SOLITON LIKE THIS...!!
THAT'S AN ABSURDLY STRONG MAGNETIC CURRENT...!! IT'S SUPERSONIC...!!

THE CORNERED MOUSE,
BECOMES A FURIOUS RAT

IN THE ANNALS OF THE HYPER ELECTROMAGNETIC KARATE SCHOOL...

THIS TECHNIQUE WAS RECORDED AS...
"RAT SLAYING THE CAT"
AN UNBELIEVABLE COMEBACK!!
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TYPESETTING: CRAZYANKAN
PROOFREADING: BURNING ANGEL,
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CLEANING: LEMONLOL @ IMAGENETIK